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SUBJECT: PRC REPRESENTATIVES ARRIVE

1. ARRIVAL IN BRASILIA DECEMBER 18 OF THE TWELVE MEMBERS OF THE PRC EMBASSY STAFF WAS GIVEN PROMINENT AND DETAILED COVERAGE IN THE LOCAL PRESS, DESPITE THE FACT THAT IT WAS COMPLETELY UNEVENTFUL. SHIELDED FROM REPORTERS BY FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS EXCEPT FOR ONE BRIEF AND WHOLLY PLATITUDINOUS INTERVIEW (FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT, NON-AGGRESSION, ETC.), THE MISSION WENT DIRECTLY TO TEMPORARY QUARTERS IN A HOTEL AND DID NOT RE-EMERGE.

2. CHARGE (COUNSELOR) WANG PEN-TSO (ANME AS GIVEN IN PRESS) WAS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING THAT AGREEMENT FOR A PRC AMBASSADOR WOULD BE REQUESTED SHORTLY, AND THAT THEY WOULD WANT TO INSPECT THE FORMER GRC PROPERTIES (OFFICE SPACE IN A COMMERCIAL BUILDING, ONE HOUSE, AND SEVERAL CARS) BEING HELD FOR THEM BY THE GOB BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER TO ACCEPT THEM.

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3. REST OF STAFF WAS IDENTIFIED AS FIVE OTHER

DIPLOMATS (SECRETARIES LO YI-SU, HSIAO SZE-CHIEN, YUAN YU-WEN, ATTACHES CHU TING-CHUNG, KUANG-FO) AND SIX ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL (FAN-CHANG, CHIH-FA, YUN-YI, YUNG-CHEN, CHI-MIN, HUNG-CHUNG), THE LATTER INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE COOK AND ONE DRIVER.

4. THERE WAS EVERY INDICATION OF DETERMINED CARE ON THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S PART, INCLUDING THE UNUSUAL SERVICE OF PROVIDING THE GROUP WITH CARS AND DRIVERS. MINISTER ITALO ZAPPA, CHIEF OF THE MINISTRY'S DEPARTMENT OF AFRICA, ASIA, AND OCEANIA, TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE WOULD BE PERSONALLY AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE GROUP AS IT GOT ITSELF INSTALLED, AND HE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETELY TIED UP UNTIL AFTER THE NEW YEAR. HIS RANK (HE IS THE ORGANIZATIONAL EQUIVALENT OF AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE) SEEMS HIGH FOR THE TASK.
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